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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: P. A. Billing-Medel, *et al.*

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USEFUL FOR DETECTING
DISEASES OF THE PROSTATE

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated April 26, 2000. Claims 1-6, 11-12, 15 and 18 are currently under examination. A request for a one month extension of time accompanies this Response, thereby extending the time for reply from July 26, 2000 to August 26, 2000.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-6, 11, 12, 15, and 18 are currently pending

1. (Amended) A purified polynucleotide [or fragment thereof derived from a PS128 gene], wherein said polynucleotide [is capable of selectively hybridizing to the

1-6, 11, 12, 15, 18